

## We Claim:

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1. A communications earpiece adapted for wearing on an ear of a user; comprising:  
an ear hook for looping generally over the top of the ear;  
an ear bud for placing generally within the ear; and  
a flexible connector for connecting the ear bud to the ear hook.
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2. The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:  
the ear hook contains a microphone.
3. The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:  
the ear bud contains a speaker.
4. The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:  
the flexible connector is an electrical cable for electrically connecting the ear bud  
to the ear hook.
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5. The communications earpiece of claim 1, and further including:  
a connector cable for electrically connecting the communications earpiece to a  
personal communications device.
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6. The communications earpiece of claim 5, wherein:  
the personal communications device is a telephone.
7. The communications earpiece of claim 5, wherein:  
the personal communications device is a cellular telephone.
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8. The communications earpiece of claim 5, and further including:  
a connector located at the distal end of the connector cable adapted for  
connection to the personal communications device.

9. The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:  
the communications earpiece is a wireless device.

5 10. The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:  
the communications earpiece is adapted for bidirectional communication with a  
transmitter/receiver.

10 11. The communications earpiece of claim 10, wherein:  
the communications earpiece communicates with a transmitter/receiver via radio  
frequency signals.

12. The communications earpiece of claim 10, wherein:  
the transmitter/receiver is adapted for connection to a personal communications  
device.

13. The communications earpiece of claim 12, wherein:  
the personal communications device is a telephone.

14. The communications earpiece of claim 10, and further including:  
a connector affixed to the transmitter/receiver whereby the transmitter/receiver can  
be electrically connected to a personal communications device.

15. The communications earpiece of claim 14, wherein:  
the personal communications device is a telephone.

16. The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:  
the earpiece is a non-occluding device such that an ear canal is not completely  
blocked thereby.

17. The communications earpiece of claim 1, wherein:  
the ear bud includes a plurality of grooves for allowing sound within an ear canal to  
at least partially escape therethrough.

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18. A communications headset device, comprising:  
an ear hook for holding the headset device over the top of an ear;  
an ear bud for placing near and ear canal of the ear and further for producing  
sound; and  
10 a flexible connector for electrically and mechanically affixing said ear bud to said  
ear hook.

19. The communications headset of claim 18, and further including:  
connection means for connecting the communications headset to a  
communications device.

20. The communications headset of claim 19, wherein:  
the communications device is a telephone.

21. The communications headset of claim 19, wherein:  
the connection means is a connecting cable.

22. The communications headset of claim 21, wherein:  
the connecting cable is affixed to said ear hook at a proximal end thereof.

23. The communications headset of claim 21, wherein:  
the connecting cable has a connector at the distal end thereof.

24. The communications headset of claim 19, wherein:  
the connection means includes a transmitter/receiver adapted for electrical  
connection to the communications device.

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